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IN REFTEL WE ADVISED THAT THE ITC HAD REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT IT HAD FOUND INCREASED IMPORTS WERE THREATENING SERIOUS INJURY TO THE UNITED STATES SUGAR INDUSTRY AND RECOMMENDED THAT RELIEF BE PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF AN IMPORT QUOTA. TO ASSIST THE INTERAGENCY GROUP WHICH IS NOW STUDYING THE ITC REPORT, STR HAS ISSUED A PUBLIC NOTICE INVITING INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT VIEWS ON THE COMMISSION FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION AND ON THE VARIOUS FACTORS WHICH SECTION 202(C) OF THE TRADE ACT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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1974 SPECIFIES ARE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ARRIVING AT A DECISION. THE NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 22 FEDERAL REGISTER IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

PURSUANT TO SECTION 201 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (USITC) HAS REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE CASE OF SUGAR (INVESTIGATION NO. TA-201-16). ON MARCH 18, 1977 THE STR RECEIVED THE USITC REPORT CONTAINING AN AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION

THAT SUGAR, SIRUPS, AND MOLASSES, DERIVED FROM SUGAR CANE OR SUGAR BEETS, PROVIDED FOR IN TSUS ITEM 155.20 AND 155.30 ARE BEING IMPORTED IN SUCH INCREASED QUANTITIES AS TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF THE THREAT OF SERIOUS INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRODUCING ARTICLES LIKE OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE WITH THE IMPORTED ARTICLES.

THE COMMISSION (SEE FOOTNOTE) FINDS AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE IMPOSITION OF A QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTION IN THE

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF 4,275,000 SHORT TONS, RAW VALUE, SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON SUGARS, SIRUPS AND MOLASSES PROVIDED FOR IN ITEMS 155.20 AND 155.30 OF THE TSUS, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1977, AND FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER, UP TO AND INCLUDING 1981. THE COMMISSION FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT SUCH ANNUAL QUOTA BE ALLOCATED AMONG SUPPLYING COUNTRIES ON A BASIS DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT TO BE EQUITABLE.

WITHIN 60 DAYS OF RECEIVING A REPORT FROM THE USITC CONTAINING AN AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION, THE PRESIDENT MUST DETERMINE WHAT METHOD AND AMOUNT OF IMPORT RELIEF HE WILL PROVIDE OR DETERMINE THAT THE PROVISION OF RELIEF IS NOT IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC INTEREST, AND WHETHER HE WILL DIRECT EXPEDITIOUS CONSIDERATION OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PETITIONS.

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IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO PROVIDE IMPORT RELIEF AND WHAT METHOD AND AMOUNT OF IMPORT RELIEF HE WILL PROVIDE, THE PRESIDENT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, IN ADDITION TO OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

- (1) THE PROBABLE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE IMPORT RELIEF AS A MEANS TO PROMOTE ADJUSTMENT, THE EFFORTS BEING MADE OR TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE INDUSTRY CONCERNED TO ADJUST TO IMPORT COMPETITION, AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS RELEVANT TO THE POSITION OF THE INDUSTRY IN THE NATION'S ECONOMY;
- (2) THE EFFECT OF IMPORT RELIEF ON CONSUMERS AND ON COMPETITION IN THE DOMESTIC MARKETS FOR SUCH ARTICLES;
- (3) THE EFFECT OF IMPORT RELIEF ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES;
- (4) THE IMPACT ON UNITED STATES INDUSTRIES AND FIRMS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ANY POSSIBLE MODIFICATION OF DUTIES OR

(FOOTNOTE: COMMISSIONERS PARKER, MOORE, AND BEDELL.

OTHER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO COMPENSATION;

- (5) THE GEOGRAPHIC CONCENTRATION OF IMPORTED PRODUCTS MARKETED IN THE UNITED STATES;
- (6) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES MARKET IS A FOCAL POINT FOR EXPORTS OF SUCH ARTICLE BY REASON OF RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS OF SUCH ARTICLE TO, OR ON IMPORTS

OF SUCH ARTICLE INTO, THIRD COUNTRY MARKETS;

(7) THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COSTS WHICH WOULD BE INCURRED BY TAXPAYERS, COMMUNITIES AND WORKERS IF IMPORT RELIEF WERE OR WERE NOT PROVIDED.

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THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS CHAIRS THE INTERAGENCY TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE THAT MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AS TO WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, HE SHOULD TAKE ON REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE USITC UNDER SECTION 201(D). IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE IN DEVELOPING INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE ACTION WHICH MAY BE TAKEN UNDER SECTION 202 AND 203 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, THE COMMITTEE WELCOMES BRIEFS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES ON THE ABOVE LISTED SUBJECTS. (FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS CASE IS AVAILABLE IN THE REPORT OF THE USITC ON SUGAR--INVESTIGATION NO. TA-201-16).

BRIEFS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN TWENTY (20) COPIES TO CHAIRMAN, TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE, ROOM 728, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, 1800 G STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506.

TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE, SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 1977. END TEXT. VANCE

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